

House Resolution

No. 7

**Introduced by Assembly Member Jackson
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House Resolution No. 7—Relative to National Mentoring Month.

1 WHEREAS, January 2003 marks the celebration of National
2 Mentoring Month, which is deserving of special public
3 commendations; and

4 WHEREAS, Positive role models have a strong impact upon a
5 young person's development; and

6 WHEREAS, Mentoring programs, through individualized
7 attention, quality education programs, personal interaction, and
8 community initiatives, provide young people with the skills
9 necessary for leading healthy, productive, and fulfilling lives; and

10 WHEREAS, Mentoring programs, through career exploration
11 opportunities and individualized interactions, provide young
12 people with a sense of purpose; and

13 WHEREAS, The encouragement, support, discipline,
14 instruction, and love in a young person's life positively contribute
15 to his or her development; and

16 WHEREAS, Mentoring programs are especially beneficial in
17 teaching high-risk youth how to learn and achieve; and

18 WHEREAS, By serving as positive role models, mentors teach
19 young people the values of right and wrong and help them reach
20 their full potential; and

1 WHEREAS, Individuals with mentors improve their academic
2 performance and are increasingly likely to attend institutions of
3 higher education; and

4 WHEREAS, Young people who participate in mentoring
5 programs display improved relationships with their families and
6 friends; and

7 WHEREAS, Young people with mentors display a 67 percent
8 increase in self-confidence; and

9 WHEREAS, Mentoring programs deter gang membership,
10 crime, and teen pregnancy; and

11 WHEREAS, Young people with mentors are 46 percent less
12 likely to be truant than young people without mentors; and

13 WHEREAS, Our nation's young people should be given the
14 right to have a healthy and positive start in life; and

15 WHEREAS, Each young person should have a caring role
16 model or mentor, who takes an active interest in their life; and

17 WHEREAS, Young people should have the opportunity to
18 positively contribute to their communities and be hopeful about
19 their futures; and

20 WHEREAS, In spite of the fact that millions of parents,
21 teachers, community leaders, and citizens serve as mentors to our
22 nation's young people, the demand for mentors and mentoring
23 programs is continually increasing; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That on the
25 occasion of National Mentoring Month, we pay tribute to the
26 mentors and role models of our society, celebrate mentoring
27 programs, support the continuation and advancement of
28 mentoring programs, and encourage people to become mentors;
29 and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
31 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.